

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Complete Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An easy open envelope comprising:
 - a front panel and a back panel hingedly connected to one edge of said front panel;
 - a sealing flap hingedly connected to an opposite edge of said front panel at a fold line and having on an outer side of said sealing flap in one corner section thereof a legend or indicia indicating where to pull on said corner section of said sealing flap to open said envelope;
 - a strip of adhesive sealing material extending longitudinally across said envelope on one of said sealing flap or back panel of said envelope in an area where said sealing flap overlies said back panel, but not in the area of said corner section, and,
 - a transverse line of perforations extending from an outer free edge of said sealing flap to said fold line between said sealing flap and said front panel, said sealing flap or said front panel having a line of perforations at or adjacent said fold line extending parallel to said strip of adhesive from said corner section to a free side edge of said envelope opposite said corner section,whereby, once said sealing flap is sealed by said strip of adhesive material to said back panel, said envelope easily can be opened, without the use of a string, thread or flexible line member, by pulling on an edge of said corner section of said sealing flap having said legend or indicia to create an opening in said envelope where a finger or tool can be inserted to open said envelope along said line of perforations at or adjacent said fold line.
2. (Previously Cancelled)
3. (Original) The easy open envelope of claim 1, wherein said corner section has said legend "OPEN HERE" thereon.
4. (Original) An easy open, reusable envelope comprising:

a front panel and a back panel hingedly connected to one edge of said front panel;

a sealing flap;

said front panel of said envelope including an upper, generally rectangular marginal area;

said sealing flap being hingedly connected to said marginal area at a fold line and having on an outer side of said sealing flap in one corner section thereof a legend or indicia indicating where to pull on said corner section of said sealing flap to open said envelope;

a first line of perforations at or adjacent said fold line;

a first strip of adhesive sealing material extending longitudinally across said envelope on one of said sealing flap or back panel of said envelope in an area where said sealing flap overlies said back panel, but not in the area of said corner section or in an area which will overlie said marginal area, and, an inside surface of said marginal area having a resealing strip of sealing adhesive thereon thereby to form said marginal area as a resealing flap;

said back panel of said envelope extending over said marginal area of said front panel thereby to provide side openings in said envelope between said sealing flap and said front panel where said marginal area is located; a transverse line of perforations extending from an outer free edge of said sealing flap to said fold line between said sealing flap and said marginal area of said front panel and at an end of said first strip of adhesive material adjacent said corner section,

whereby, once said sealing flap is sealed by said first strip of adhesive material to said back panel, said sealed envelope easily can be opened by pulling on an edge of said corner section of said sealing flap having said legend or indicia to create an opening in said sealed envelope where a finger or tool can be inserted to open said sealed envelope along said line of perforations at said fold line and said resealing flap then can be used for resealing said envelope for reuse.

5. (Original) The easy open, reusable envelope of claim 4, wherein said resealing strip of sealing adhesive on said inside surface of said marginal area does not extend into an area under said corner section of said sealing flap.

6. (Original) The easy open, reusable envelope of claim 4, wherein said resealing strip of sealing adhesive on said inside surface of said marginal area extends into an area under said corner section of said sealing flap.
7. (Original) The easy open, reusable envelope of claim 4, wherein said resealing strip of sealing adhesive on said inside surface of said marginal area is colored.
8. (Original) The easy open, reusable envelope of claim 4, wherein said resealing strip of sealing adhesive on said inside surface of said marginal area is flavored.
9. (Original) The easy open, reusable envelope of claim 4, wherein said sealing flap has a second line of perforations therein spaced from said first mentioned line of perforations located at or adjacent said fold line between said sealing flap and said marginal area in said front panel of said envelope thereby to form a tear away strip in said sealing flap between said lines of perforations and juxtaposed to said marginal area in said front panel.
10. (Original) The easy open, reusable envelope of claim 4, wherein said corner section has the legend "OPEN HERE" thereon.
11. (Currently Amended) An easy open envelope comprising:
 - a front panel and a back panel hingedly connected to one edge of said front panel;
 - a sealing flap hingedly connected to an opposite edge of said front panel at a fold line and having on an outer side of said sealing flap in one corner section thereof a legend or indicia indicating where to pull on said corner section of said sealing flap to open said envelope; and
 - a strip of adhesive sealing material extending longitudinally across said envelope on one of said sealing flap or back panel of said envelope in an area where said sealing flap overlies the back panel, but not in the area of said corner section,

said sealing flap or said front panel having a line of perforations at or adjacent said fold line extending parallel to said strip of adhesive from said corner section to a free side edge of said envelope opposite said corner section,

whereby, once said sealing flap is sealed by said strip of adhesive material to said back panel, said sealed envelope easily can be opened, without the use of a string, thread or flexible line member, by pulling on an edge of said corner section of said sealing flap having said legend or indicia to create an opening in said sealed envelope where a finger or tool can be inserted to open said envelope along said line of perforations at or adjacent said fold line.

12. (Previously Cancelled)

13. (Original) The easy open envelope of claim 11, wherein said sealing flap has a transverse line of perforations extending from an outer free edge of said sealing flap to said fold line between said sealing flap and said front panel.

14. (Previously Presented) An easy open envelope comprising:

a front panel and a back panel hingedly connected to one edge of said front panel;

a sealing flap hingedly connected to an opposite edge of said front panel at a fold line and having on an outer side of said sealing flap in one corner section thereof a legend or indicia indicating where to pull on said corner section of said sealing flap to open said envelope; and

a strip of adhesive sealing material extending longitudinally across said envelope on one of said sealing flap or back panel of said envelope in an area where said sealing flap overlies the back panel, but not in the area of said corner section, said front panel of said envelope including an upper, generally rectangular marginal area adjacent said fold line between said front panel and said sealing flap, an inside surface of said marginal area having a strip of resealing adhesive thereon thereby to form a resealing flap, and

said back panel of said envelope extending over said marginal area of said front panel thereby to provide side openings in said envelope between said sealing flap and said front panel where said marginal area is located, whereby, once said sealing flap is sealed by said strip of adhesive material to said back panel,

said sealed envelope easily can be opened by pulling on an edge of said corner section of said sealing flap having said legend or indicia to create an opening in said sealed envelope where a finger or tool can be inserted to open said envelope along said fold line to open said envelope, and the envelope then can be refilled followed by said marginal area being folded over and sealed to said back panel for remailing.

15. (Original) The easy open envelope of claim 14, including a transverse line of perforations in said sealing flap which is adjacent said corner section and which extends between an outer free edge of said sealing flap and said fold line or line of perforations between said sealing flap and said marginal area in said front panel.

16. (Original) The easy open envelope of claim 14, wherein said sealing flap has a second line of perforations therein spaced from said first mentioned line of perforations at or adjacent said fold line between said sealing flap and said front panel of said envelope thereby to form a tear away strip in said sealing flap between said lines of perforations and juxtaposed to said marginal area in said front panel.

17. (Original) The easy open, reusable envelope of claim 14, wherein said resealing strip of sealing adhesive on said inside surface of said marginal area does not extend into an area under said corner section of said sealing flap.

18. (Original) The easy open, reusable envelope of claim 14, wherein said resealing strip of sealing adhesive on said inside surface of said marginal area extends into an area under said corner section of said sealing flap.

19. (Original) The easy open, reusable envelope of claim 14, wherein said resealing strip of sealing adhesive on said inside surface of said marginal area is colored.

20. (Original) The easy open, reusable envelope of claim 14, wherein said resealing strip of sealing adhesive on said inside surface of said marginal area is flavored.

21. (Original) The easy open envelope of claim 11, wherein said corner section has said legend "OPEN HERE" thereon.
22. (Original) The easy open envelope of claim 11, wherein said strip of adhesive sealing material is placed on said sealing flap.